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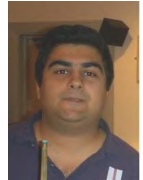
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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

In March we all went to the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth for the British Pairs. Phil Collins (with Leon Beer) added the pairs title to his Oxon Open win in February to continue his fantastic start to the year. Sadly there was no Portsmouth Open this year, so there was no individual open held over the last two months. However we did have the British Ladies in April. Congratulations to Pauline Withey who won her 4th title, now just one short of Sue Mariner's record.



Looking forward to the next couple of months we have the Guernsey weekend which will be full on with the international, pairs and single events. The open circuit gets into full swing with the Surrey and Sussex Opens.

British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 10th/11th March 2012

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 54 pairs entered this years event, and the 2009 World Pairs Champions **Phil Collins & Leon Beer** (pictured right) won the British pairs together for the first time. The final was against last years runners-up Oxon's **Tony Willis & Jon Bamsey**. The first two legs were shared with Tony & Jon leading by 15,590—10,810, but in leg 3 Phil pulled out the tournaments highest break of **20,340**, to leave a 15,560 target for Tony. Although Tony started well he broke down to consign him and Jon to their 3rd runners-up spot in this tournament.



Phil & Leon were not troubled in the first 3 rounds on the Saturday, and started Sunday with a comfortable win over Ernie Jordan & Terry Isard. A 3-1 win over **Kevin Tunstall & Kevin Hall** booked their place in the final. Jon & Tony's highlight was a quarter final win over 2003 & 2004 winners **Bernie McCluskey and Paul Sainsbury**, followed by a 24,730-22,420 semi final win over **Dave Alder & Terry Alder**.

In the plate **Nigel Senior & Gareth Lloyd** beat the 2003 runners-up, Buck's **Andy Haines & Dino Clark**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2012)

<u>MEN</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	286.6
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	245.4
3	Nigel Senior	Sussex	238.7
4	Phil Collins	Oxon	223.7
5	Curt Driver	Kent	208.4
6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	194.4
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	155.0
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	117.9
9(+1)	Leon Beer	Oxon	116.8
10(-1)	Mark Brewster	Kent	105.3

<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	104.8
2	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	62.5
3(+4)	Sandra Race	Sussex	55.4
4(+1)	Denise Wills	Surrey	51.1
5(+1)	Jenny Florey	Oxon	49.4
6(-3)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	45.2
7(-3)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	38.7
8	Alison Norman	Surrey	38.4
9	Myra Hawkins	Berks	37.3
10(+1)	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	31.7

Different versions of the game can be found across Europe. Italian bar billiards (pictured right)



seems to have just 2 pegs and 4 holes.



Swiss bar billiards (pictured left) has the 2 wide holes set nearest the table and only 3 holes instead

of the usual 5 at the back.

Slovakian bar billiards (pictured below) has a different arrangement with the hole at the back being 10-20-100-20-10, with the wide holes being worth 50 and the middle hole being 200.



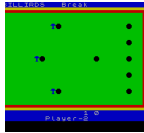
Only 2 pegs though!

Have any ideas of what you want to see in the Newsletter, or wish to contribute stories or pictures?

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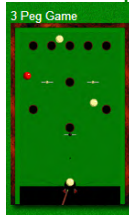
Virtual Bar Billiards

Bar Billiards has appeared in digital form. The first was on the ZX Spectrum 16K in the 1983 release entitled "Bar Billiards" (pictured right).



Many years later bar billiards reappeared on the Xbox and Playstation2 in the "World Championship 2005" (pictured left) game by SEGA. It was bar billiards but not quite as we know it! There are a couple of online games, one based on the comedy **Two Pints of Lager and a packet of Crisps**—sort of a mix between crazy golf and bar billiards and another called "Blast Bar Billiards" which you have to avoid the bombs!

The best version of our game (pictured right) has to be the one written by one of our own—bar billiards player **Martin Leach**. It is the most playable and realistic—and you can play either 3 or 4 pin. It is downloadable for free at <http://barbilliards.awardspace.com/index.html>. My best is **15,360** in a 10 minute game—beat that!



Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2012 (after 1 event of 8)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins	15
2	Steven Sheard	10
3	Nigel Senior	6
4	Tony Martin	6
5	Mark Brewster	3
6	Geoff Powell	3
=	Dave Ingram	3
=	Bill Kerr	3
9	Richard Wootton	1
=	Ian Lelliott	1
11	Curt Driver	1
=	Pete Welch	1
=	Keith Sheard	1
=	Lorin Clough	1
=	Pete Sainsbury	1
=	Phil Osborne	1

British Ladies, Salfords Club near Horley, 15th April 2012

Pauline Withey (pictured right) won the British Ladies title for the 4th time, to put her one behind the record held by **Sue Mariner**. She beat Sussex's and reigning champion **Sandra Race** in the final by a score of **10,650-5,890**. Pauline took out 2 time winner **Bella Stoner** in round 2, then Oxon teammate **Jenny Florey**, followed by a win over **Colleen Park** in the semi final. Sandra beat the future mother in law and 2009 champ, **Lorraine Hall**, in a repeat of last years final at the quarter final stage. In the semi final she beat Surrey's **Debz Pearce**. Sandra also took the highest break with a terrific **10,550** in round 2. In a family encounter **Genette Nicholls** beat **Sho Nicholls** in the plate final.



Upcoming Events in May & June

5th May - Guernsey v England - Guernsey take on England for the 8th time on the night before the Guernsey Open. Guernsey will be looking to do far better than last year where they lost out 42-5 to a powerful England team.

5th May - Guernsey Pairs - The 2nd Guernsey Pairs will take place on the 5th May. Last year the Jersey/Anglo pairing of **Harry Barbet & Chris Tupper** won the title beating **Curt Driver & Mark Brewster**.

6th May - Guernsey Open - The 5th Guernsey Open will take place at the Les Rocquettes Hotel, Sunday 6th May. **Kevin Tunstall** will try to make it 3 on the trot after last year defeating Guernsey's **Trevor Gallienne** in the final.

13th May - Surrey Open - A week after Guernsey we go to Surrey to St Nicholas' School, Merstham for the 4th Surrey Open. **Kevin Tunstall** won back to back opens last year, beating **Steven Sheard** in the final

10th June - Sussex Open - The 19th Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. The competition is as usual very popular and the organisers trying to accommodate 108 entries. **Kevin Tunstall** won last year beating **Steven Sheard** in the final.

How many players in the UK?

This interesting question was asked on the Bar Billiards forum by Clive Thompson. Below is what he has unearthed as the leagues that are currently still going with estimates of teams and players.

1. Reading (Berkshire) 11 teams/75 players
2. High Wycombe (Bucks) 8 teams/40 players
3. Cambridge (Cams) 8 teams/40 players
4. Porstmouth (Hants) 8 teams/74 players
5. Dover & Deal (Kent) 11 teams/61 players
6. Medway (Kent) 10 teams/55 players
7. Maidstone (Kent) 4 teams/24 players
8. Tunbridge Wells (Kent) 6 teams/36 players
9. Northampton (Northants) 10 teams/50 players
10. Eynsham (Oxon) 6 teams/30 players
11. Wallingford (Oxon) 8 teams/55 players
12. Witney (Oxon) 8 teams/55 players
13. Oxford (Oxon) 13 teams/105 players
14. Billingshurst (Sussex) 13 teams/95 players
15. Brighton (Sussex) 13 teams/99 players
16. Eastbourne (Sussex) 4 teams/22 players
17. Hastings (Sussex) 9 teams/66 players
18. Horsham (Sussex) 13 teams/104 players
19. Lewes (Sussex) 8 teams/51 players
20. Littlehampton (Sussex) 12 teams/50 players
21. Mid Sussex (Sussex) 12 teams/74 players
22. West Sussex (Sussex) 11 teams/68 players
23. Worthing (Sussex) 15 teams/118 players
24. Redhill (Surrey) 17 teams/121 players
25. Jersey 9 teams/78 players
26. Guernsey 5 teams/25 players

There are also three 4 pin leagues that are active that we know of—Norwich (Norfolk) 5 teams (30 players), Wellingborough (Northants) 8 teams (50 players) and Sudbury (Suffolk) 13 teams (100 players). Some findings from this is that there are 250+ teams in the UK, and at least 1,500 active players (some players play more than 1 league).

Leagues that have disappeared over the years include—Crawley (Sussex), Portslade (Sussex), Newbury (Berks), Wokingham (Berks), Coultry House (Berks), Andover (Hants), Southampton (Hants), Winchester (Hants), Canterbury (Kent), Faversham (Kent), Watford (Herts), Doncaster (South Yorks), Loughborough (Leicestershire), Portishead (Somerset), Pewsey (Wiltshire). Indeed Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire used to send county sides to the County Championships. In fact our number 1 player **Kevin Tunstall** represented Hertfordshire when he won

Dates for your diary 2012 —see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

4th Feb - Jer v Eng (@ Ardington Hotel Worthing) Eng men 25 Jer men 8
 18th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Con Club) - winner Phil Collins
 10/11th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - winners Phil Collins & Leon Beer

15th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, nr Horley)- winner Pauline Withey

5th May/6th May - Guernsey v England/Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)

13th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)

10th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)

15th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)

TBC Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)

9th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading)

23rd Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)

30th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)

14th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)

21st Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)

28th Oct - Mixed Pairs/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)

9/10/11th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)

18th Nov- County Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)

25th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/ Under 25's (@ PO Club, Reading)

9th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)